

The Weather

Snow, sleet or rain today; tomorrow, cloudy; not much change in temperature.

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RICHMOND BANKS AND INDUSTRY PAY MILLIONS TO PUBLIC

Financial Institutions All Declare Substantial Dividends on Operations.

UNIVERSAL TOBACCO CO. DISBURSES \$1,400,000

War Stamp Holders Here Will Receive \$2,000,000 on January 1.

GOOD BUSINESS YEAR ENDS

City and State on Solid Financial Footing as Old Year Draws to Close.

Dividends amounting to approximately \$2,000,000 are being distributed this month by twelve banks and one tobacco corporation in Richmond. Some of the bank dividends are semiannual and some quarterly. The Universal Leaf Tobacco Company's \$1,400,000 is for the whole year.

The American National Bank will meet next Thursday to declare its semiannual dividend and the Planters' National will meet next week for the same purpose.

Dividends Declared.
The banks that have declared dividends and the amounts to be distributed by each, follows:

Federal Reserve Bank, declared the annual 3 per cent. dividend, amounting to \$180,000.

Savings Bank of Richmond, 1 per cent. quarterly, total for year \$200,000.

Mechanics and Merchants' Bank, 6 per cent. semiannual, and extra dividend of 1 per cent. in December, total for year, \$170,000.

West End Bank, regular 5 per cent. semiannual, and 1 per cent. extra in December, total for year, \$160,000.

State and City Bank and Trust Company declared 2 per cent. quarterly for first three quarters, and in October went to the 3-1/2 per cent. basis. Meeting will be held Wednesday. Amount for the year will approximate \$1,000,000.

First National Bank declared 3 per cent. quarterly dividend, amounting to \$180,000.

The Richmond Trust Company declared quarterly dividend of 1-1/4 per cent. amounting to \$125,000.

The Federal Trust Company declared semiannual dividend of 2-1/2 per cent. amounting to \$160,000.

Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, dividends for year, \$1,400,000.

Merchants' National Bank directors and stockholders will meet next week to vote on increasing the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

The present surplus is \$1,500,000. The dividend will also be acted upon next week.

Central National Bank declared 4 per cent. semiannual dividend and extra 1 per cent. for a total of \$250,000.

The Broad Street Bank declared dividend of 5 per cent. for five months, amounting to \$150,000. This bank had been declaring its semiannual dividend on January 21, of each year, but recently changed to the calendar year and declared the dividend for five months on December 6.

Pays \$15,000 to Shareholders.
Union Bank of Richmond declared quarterly dividend of 4 per cent. amounting to \$150,000.

The Bank of Commerce and Trusts declared quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. amounting to \$125,000.

The Broadway National Bank declared semiannual dividend of 3 per cent. amounting to \$160,000.

The South Richmond Bank declared a semiannual dividend of 2 per cent.

The amount of dividends declared by the Virginia Trust Company was not obtainable last night.

There will also be available to Richmond on January 1, more than \$2,000,000 from war savings stamps issued in 1918, and which reach maturity and become due that day. A large percentage of these stamps are in the hands of school children. Holders of these stamps can turn in the coming year, at which time the subject would be canvassed more thoroughly.

At the White House luncheon, during the course of which the views of the guests were sought, on prohibition, were, in addition to the President: Vice-President Coolidge, Attorney-General Daugherty, Secretary Mellon, prohibition Commissioner Starnes, Governors Cox, Massachusetts,

BANDITS GET \$200,000 LOOT IN SHOTGUN RAID ON MINT AT DENVER

Robbers Display Reckless Abandon to Perpetrate Crime in Daylight.

ONE WOUNDED FATALLY

Charles Linton, Government Employee, Dies in Hospital From Wounds.

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Dec. 18.—Masked bandits armed with sawed-off shotguns and without regard for human life, today fatally wounded Charles Linton, guard of the Denver branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, stole \$200,000 in currency of the government mint and escaped. The robbery occupied less than a minute's time. Tonight every high-way in the State is guarded and police and Federal authorities have dispatched armed squads in pursuit of an automobile occupied by seven men, who were seen speeding northward shortly after the robbery. One of the occupants was bleeding profusely, according to the report.

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FLOCK OF TURKEYS CAUSES TRAGEDY

Two Men Killed, Another a Suicide, Following Quarrel.

ROCKINGHAM STIRRED

Man Threatens Wife, Pursues Her to Father's Home, When Battle Begins.

(By Associated Press.)
HARRISONBURG, VA., Dec. 18.—Three men are dead today at their homes at Mount Clinton, twelve miles from here, as the result of a quarrel yesterday over a flock of turkeys. They are:

R. Ward Messick, 29, who hanged himself after shooting and killing his father-in-law, Lee Bodkins, 53, and Harry Messick, 27, who, witnesses stated, was shot to death by Bodkins in mistake for his brother, Ward.

Quarrel Over Turkeys.
The trouble started when Mr. and Mrs. Ward Messick quarreled over the turkeys while seated at the dinner table of their home. Mrs. Messick told a coroner's jury that she got up from the table and went to the dining room, a short distance away, and while she was telling of her husband threatening her life, a disturbance was heard on the outside. Her husband, she said, had followed her, and with him was his brother, Harry, who was trying to act as peacemaker.

Bodkins, his daughter continued, thinking he was aiming at Ward Messick, discharged his shotgun at nearest form. It was Harry Messick, who fell dead. She said Bodkins went into the house to secure more shells and while he was returning to the front of the house his son-in-law fired through the door. Bodkins died almost instantly.

Helped to Lay Out Bodies.
Mrs. Messick declared her husband then called to her to come down stairs, and she, and her mother helped him to place the bodies of Bodkins and Harry Messick in a front room. Messick, after phoning for a doctor, she said, told her he was going home. He called back, "You will find me in the barn." A short time afterward neighbors found his lifeless body hanging from a beam.

The coroner's jury found that Ward Messick came to his death at his own hands; that Lee Bodkins was shot to death by Ward Messick, and that Harry Messick was accidentally shot by Bodkins.

Both the Messicks and Bodkins were well-to-do farmers of this section. Bodkins came here several years ago from Pendleton County, W. Va.

settle; Ritchie, Maryland; Trinkle, Virginia; Harness, Vermont; McKay, Indiana; Kilby, Alabama; Hyde, Minnesota; Preuss, Minnesota; Oleott, Oregon; Allen, Kansas; Morgan, West Virginia; McKelvie, Nebraska; Davis, Idaho; and Campbell, Arizona.

Reports Are Encouraging.
"In many cases," Commissioner Haynes declared after the meeting, "the reports of the Governors were of an encouraging nature. Numerous instances of lack of co-operation were pointed out; many instances of the inadequacy of Federal forces were suggested."

There was a preponderance of opinion that an earnest official appeal for reverence of the law and a cordial support of law enforcement by the press would combine to cure the worst conditions reported."

According to some of those who attended, there was no suggestion raised during the three-hour conference which indicated belief that the situation might be helped by loosening Federal forces.

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MORE PUNISHMENT IS FAVORED FOR DRY LAW VIOLATORS

Prevalent Opinion Is White House Conference Favored Imposing Heavier Fines—No Suggestion Made for More Latitude.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Problems of prohibition enforcement were discussed informally today at a White House conference between President Harding, the Federal department chief directly interested in the subject and governors of fourteen States.

There was no statement from the White House as to the results of the meeting, but it was indicated the discussion revolved almost entirely upon the question of how the several States could best co-operate with the Federal government in executing the terms of the prohibition amendment. It was indicated another meeting of State executives might be called early in the coming year, at which time the subject would be canvassed more thoroughly.

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Suicide Pact Survivor Is Guilty of Murder

(By Universal Service.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.—Any person surviving a suicide pact is guilty of murder, according to a decision handed down today by the Lord Chief Justice. The decision was made in the appeal of Lionel Symonds, who was sentenced to death for the murder of Gladys Wall, 15-year-old daughter of his employer, a wealthy banker.

Symonds and Gladys agreed to commit suicide by throwing themselves in front of a train. She was instantly killed and he lost both legs. Symonds was carried into court to hear the sentence.

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The victim of the tragedy at the Pollard home was born in Atlanta, Ga., according to her former husband, Herbert E. Richardson, Jr. She has been summoned to testify in behalf of the prosecution. Mrs. Richardson is understood to have come to the preliminary hearing in support of the preliminary charges against the husband, who was charged with the killing, and it has been definitely established that they had an engagement to marry at the Lyric Theater at 9 o'clock the same night.

In event that it is proved that Pollard was not responsible for Mrs. Richardson's death, the case will end, as there is no other charge than that of killing her husband, who was reported to be in the car with her.

The police, however, expect to present every phase of the case and say the most startling disclosures are yet to be made public.

For Shockoe Improvement.
While both opponents to the special appropriation of \$50,000 expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of Shockoe Creek improvements, they could not see the reason for spending vast sums of the people's money.

Mr. Hirschberg being excused from voting, because of professional interest in the matter, the body adopted a recommendation of the Finance Committee providing for the payment of \$29,224.25 to pay claimants on account of damages to property occasioned by three overflows of the creek last summer.

To Be Used in Preliminaries.
Councilman Carter C. Jones, chairman of the Finance Committee, explained that the money was simply to be used in preliminary investigation, and that it would be deducted from the general appropriation for the construction of the proposed sewer in contemplation for the relief of the preliminary charges.

He was not now appropriating it would mean a long delay in the work, as a similar sum would have to be expended.

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SNOW, SLEET, RAIN, WEATHER PREDICTED TODAY FOR VIRGINIA

Temperature Is Not Expected to Change Materially in Next Two Days.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Weather indications for tomorrow are for snow, sleet or rain in the Middle Atlantic States and the Carolinas, and rain in portions of the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, according to the report of the Bureau of Weather.

However, mostly fair weather is probable Wednesday in Tennessee and the Atlantic and East Gulf States, the bureau said, and the temperature will rise slowly in Tennessee and the East Gulf States Wednesday, while cooler weather will overspread the Florida peninsula Tuesday and Tuesday night.

In the Atlantic States north of Washington, the temperature is not change materially during the next two days.

Sails Direct for Danzig.
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 18.—The Red Star liner Sailing will make direct sailings from Norfolk to Danzig, Poland, leaving Hampton Roads on January 10. This is the second time within a few weeks that the Sailing has made the voyage direct from Norfolk to the Polish seaport. Her previous trip took place the latter part of November.

Seeks Forest Reserve Land.
LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 18.—The Federal forest reserve has instituted two condemnation proceedings in the district court here to secure title to property to be taken for the reserve. One of the suits is against George L. Cunningham and others for 115.24 acres in Amherst County, and the other against Lewis A. Airey and others, for 160.33 acres in Rockingham and Page Counties.

DEFENSE TO INSIST POLLARD GUILTYLESS IN FATAL SHOOTING

Will Be No Deviation From First Statement of Accidental Killing.

MRS. RICHARDSON IN AUTO FIRED ON, CLAIM

Police Recall Near-Tragedy in South Richmond More Than Year Ago.

SIMMON TELEPHONE OPERATOR

Heard Conversation Between Stenographer and Her Former Husband Night Woman Was Shot.

While there has been a number of theories as to how Mrs. Thelma Richardson, divorced, died, death at the home of Thomas Pollard, prominent real estate broker, who was charged with killing her Monday night, December 11, Hiram M. Smith, who will appear as the alleged slayer's counsel, said last night that there will be no deviation from the original statement by the defense that the tragedy was a case of accidental killing. The defense will insist that Pollard was not responsible for the woman's death.

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Curzon Denies Request.
Lord Curzon denied this request, saying it was impossible to continue the deliberations indefinitely. He asserted that concessions had been made to the Russians by providing in the allied proposals that no fleet shall be admitted to the Black Sea which is stronger than the strongest navy possessed by any Black Sea power.

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RUSSIA CONTINUES TO FIGHT FREEDOM OF BALK STRAITS

Tchitcherine Adopts Extremely Hostile Attitude at Lausanne.

SAYS NATIONS' LEAGUE 'ORGANIZED IMPOTENCE'

Charges Allied Move Is One to Separate Turkey and Russia.

NEW PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED

Moscow's Foreign Minister Urges Further Limitation on Warships in Black Sea.

(By Associated Press.)
LAUSANNE, Dec. 18.—"Organized impotence" was the definition which M. Tchitcherine, the Russian Foreign Minister, gave the league of nations during a heated debate between the Russian and the allied powers in a session devoted to the discussion of plans for control of the Turkish Straits.

"The United States, Germany and Russia do not recognize the league," said Tchitcherine. "The league is not even able to control a single Polish general in Vilna. It is unable to accomplish anything in the Lithuanian dispute. What good are the guarantees of such an organization?"

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MORGAN TELLS GERMANY BANKERS UNABLE TO AID UNTIL REPARATIONS FIXED

"TEN OPPORTUNITIES" ARE PRESENTED FOR GENEROUS PUBLIC'S CONSIDERATION

The Times-Dispatch this morning presents the cases of ten prominent families who are in destitute circumstances and have the aid of a generous public. Every one of the "Ten Opportunities" has been investigated by the Associated Charities and found worthy of your help. Send any contribution you may wish, designating the particular opportunity in which you are interested, to the "Ten Opportunities Fund," The Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va., and it will be only acknowledged through the columns of this newspaper. The opportunities, as selected by the Associated Charities, follow:

OPPORTUNITY NO. 1.
Amount asked, \$200.
Contributions received yesterday, \$25.25.
Total to date, \$225.00.
Over-subscribed, \$225.00.

OPPORTUNITY NO. 2.
We asked for \$500 for this same family last year and must ask for \$300 this year. Both the father and mother are tubercular and are in a sanatorium at present. The oldest boy, 17, who was reported as having come home from the sanatorium in the appeal last year, is now well and working regularly. The five other boys, ranging in age from 10 to 2, are being boarded by the Associated Charities at a splendid country home. They are going regularly to school and are very happy and getting fat and rosy.

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OPPORTUNITY NO. 3.
About a year ago a mother came to the Associated Charities. She had recently married and the stepfather of her five children was unwilling to support them and ordered her to get rid of them at once. We found her in ill health and the boys and some action had to be taken. We have sent them away to a good school and are anxious to raise money enough to give them a chance to grow up together.

Two hundred dollars will support one of them at Covington during the year 1923.
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OPPORTUNITY NO. 5.
A year ago the Associated Charities asked for \$200 to send a little girl of 9 away to school. Her mother is